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Senate Unit Hears Plea That West Keep Machine Tools from Red Bloc

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A Library of Congress research specialist yesterday recommended that western nations withhold all shipments of machine tools from Communist bloc nations.

Joseph A. Gwyer, now on leave from the Library, told the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee he considered every such tool to have strategic importance.

The testimony came as the subcommittee reopened its hearings on trade with Russia. They began early this year.

Gwyer said he was not a machine tool expert but had devoted much study to Soviet industry, both as a Library of Congress researcher and as an Army intelligence expert some years ago.

He also said that:

All aid should be denied Yugoslavia and Poland.

The accomplishments of Russian industry, particularly

in machine tools, have been overrated in this country.

American allies in Europe have been shipping strategic items to Russia even though the United States had refused to do so.

Russian industry in the decades after the 1917 revolution was built up largely with help from the Western world.

Gwyer said even Allen Dulles, outgoing head of the Central Intelligence Agency, had been fooled as to Russian accomplishments in the machine tool field.

He quoted Dulles as saying in a 1950 speech that the Soviets were outproducing the United States in this field four to one.

The facts are, the witness said, that Russian and American production of such tools is about even. Dulles erred, he added, by comparing Soviet production figures for all types of tools, including light ones, with U. S. output of only heavy industry tools.

Gwyer said also that even a straight comparison of heavy tools is misleading because the United States devices are far more productive. He estimated this country is 15 to 20 years ahead of Russia in machine tool technology.

The specialist said Russia has about 200 fully-automated production lines and the U. S. about 8000. He testified Rus-

sia was trying to get American machines to expand its automated industry.